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SUBJECT: GOR TO CONTINUE ABSTAINING ON ANTI-ISRAEL UNGA  
RESOLUTIONS

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Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor Susan Elliott for reasons 1  
.4 (b,d).

11. (C) We delivered reftel demarche to the MFA's International Organizations Crisis Management Section Head Viktor Alexandrovich Leplinskiy on November 23. Leplinskiy noted that the GOR will continue to abstain in most votes for anti-Israel resolutions in the UN General Assembly, citing the fact that UNGA resolutions are not obligatory and stating that the GOR's vote would not affect the passage of these resolutions, which reflect the "discussion club" nature of the UNGA. He noted that the GOR focused mainly on UN Security Council and bilateral discussions in order to reach a peaceful solution in the Middle East, and in these forums would continue to work closely with the United States.  
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